

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, lines 18-20, should be replaced with:

*A* Cookies are the colloquial term for the "HTTP State Management Mechanism" that is more fully defined in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Request For Comment (RFC) 2109 (Available at ~~http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/htbin/rfc/rfc2109.html~~).

Page 4, lines 1-3, should be replaced with:

*A2* In a similar vein, a modified standard, is being developed for proxy state management. See "HTTP Proxy State Management Mechanism" draft proposal to the IETF, available at ~~http://portal.research.bell-labs.com/dmk/pcookies/pcookie-1.3.txt~~.

Page 17, lines 9-14, should be replaced with:

*A3* In some embodiments of the invention an extensible markup language (XML)-style language is used to program applications. Each application is then written in the XML-style language and executed in a thread on the execution engine 202. In some embodiments, an XML-type language, such Voice XML from the Voice XML Forum, ~~http://www.voicexml.org/~~, is extended for use by the execution engine 202 in the voice portal 110.

Page 24, lines 13-15, should be replaced with:

*A4* The processes of step 402 and step 404 can be used together allowing a user to quickly transfer preferences from a web portal to her/his voice portal (step 406) while still supporting explicit personalization.

Page 25, line 21 to page 26, line 9, should be replaced with:

This would typically be accomplished by accessing a URI on the web server 108 that included the information to be added. At that point, the web server 108 might ask for a primary calling phone number and/or a password. In some embodiments, a cookie stored by the browser on the computer 102 may be used to obviate one or both of these steps. After the user provides the information, or it is accepted automatically, a confirmation page may be shown including a return link to the originating web page. ~~Several example URI's for adding content are shown below.~~

~~<http://www.voiceportal.com/add.cgi?topic=stock%20quote&content=000>~~

~~<http://www.voiceportal.com/add.cgi?shortcut=MapQuest&ref=www.mapquest.com/voice.vxml>~~

~~<http://www.voiceportal.com/add.cgi?shortcut=myYahoo&ref=my.yahoo.com/voice.vxml&login=jdoe>~~

~~These examples URI's, such as those shown by voiceportal.com, are illustrative of the various types of URI's that can be placed as links on web sites to allow users of the voice portal 110 to further customize their profile.~~

Page 28, lines 1-9, should be replaced with:

Some embodiments of the invention implement the IETF RFC 2109 procedures for controlling access to cookies according to the domain associated with a cookies and the request host, e.g. the host portion of the uniform resource indicator (URI) for the requested application. Thus, for example, a request for an application at ~~<http://server1.com/app1.vxml>~~ would be able to access cookies with the domain set to server1.com and other suitable cookies according to the particular access policy being implemented. In contrast, according to some embodiments of the invention, the same application, ~~<http://server1.com/app1.vxml>~~,

*A* would not be permitted to access cookies with the domain set to server2.com.

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Page 30, lines 1-9, should be replaced with:

*A* Usage of the state information in a remotely hosted telephone application for the electronic commerce vendor Vendor will be considered. The application is hosted on "http://phone.vendor.com" and the voice portal 110 will be located "http://www.voiceportal.com" in this example. Vendor already has a web based application using HTML set up to allow electronic commerce at their web site, <http://www.vendor.com>. The web based application uses cookies, e.g. the RFC 2109 HTTP state management mechanism, to manage and store state with standard web browsers such Microsoft™ Internet Explorer™.

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